

## House Resolution No. 3081

**Whereas**, as the 2003-2004 school year draws to a close, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to applaud the career achievements of those individuals who are retiring from the field of education; and

**Whereas**, the St. Joseph School District is losing a valuable member of its faculty on June 2, 2004, with the retirement of Sharon Ruhnke who has devoted thirty-two years of her life to the education of this state's young citizens through tireless endeavors as a teacher; and

**Whereas**, Sharon Ruhnke has taught fifth grade for several years at Pershing Elementary School, where she is held in high esteem as an educator who demonstrates considerable competence and remarkable degrees of compassion and understanding; and

**Whereas**, deeply committed to the great cause of learning, Sharon Ruhnke also taught at Evertt Elementary School prior to assuming her responsibilities at Pershing Elementary School; and

**Whereas**, Sharon Ruhnke has watched her pupils grow, develop, and mature through the knowledge she has imparted to them both as a teacher and as a friend; and

**Whereas**, President of Sacred Hills Encampment, Sharon Ruhnke has supported her profession by serving the Missouri State Teachers Association as a Building Welfare Representative and Regional Public Relations Representative; and

**Whereas**, Sharon Ruhnke has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include her husband, Dennis Ruhnke, and two sons, Cody and Josh:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join the St. Joseph Public School District in expressing appreciation for the unparalleled service that Sharon Ruhnke has rendered to Missouri's children and in wishing her the long, fruitful, and enjoyable retirement that she so justly deserves; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Sharon Ruhnke, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Ed Wildberger  
District No. 27

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3081, adopted May 14, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker